Schools at plat forms for begging children

†3460. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 726, given in the Rajya Sabha, on 23rd November, 2001 and state:

(a) the reasons for not promoting opening of "KAMANA PADHANA and SAKSHARTA KENDRA" type of schools; and

(b) whether Government propose to reformulate for consideration any scheme for such kind of activity?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) The Railways do not patronize or promote any such "KAMANA PADHANA and SAKSHARTA KENDRA" as the main objective of Railways is to provide transportation.

(b) No, Sir. There is no such proposal in view of the above.

Cancellation of trains due to Ahmedabad-Delhi gauge conversion

†3461. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether six trains running between Ahmedabad and Delhi were cancelled because of gauge conversion;

(b) whether the said trains are still confined to the Mahesana railway-yard, even after the work of gauge conversion is over;

(c) if so, the reasons for not plying those trains so far; and

(d) by when Government propose to restore services of the above trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) Piror to gauge conversion works on Ahmedabad.

Palanpur-Jaipur-Delhi route, four pairs of trains were running between Delhi and Ahmedabad.

At present, six pairs of Broad Gauge trains *viz.* 2915/2916 Ahmedabad-Delhi Ashram Express, 9105/9106 Ahmedabad-Delhi Mail, 2957/2958 Ahmedabad-New Delhi Rajdhani Express (tri- weekly), 9263/9264 Porbandar-Delhi Sarai Rohila Express (bi-weekly), 4311/4312 New Bhuj- Bareilly Ala Hazrat Express (bi-weekly) and 9265/9266 Okha-Dehradun Uttaranchal Express (weekly) are running between Ahmedabad and Delhi *via* Jaipur. Except 2957/2958 Rajdhani Express, all the above trains are stopping at Mahesana.

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